

Fall/Winter
2013-2014

The Quarrier



Town Calendar



Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov. 27th – Town Hall Closes
at noon

Nov. 28th – Town Hall Closed

Nov. 29th – Town Hall Closed

Christmas in GQ Event

Santa at the Park

Begins December 8th

(read more about it on p.4)

Christmas Holidays

Dec. 24th – Town Hall Closed

Dec. 25th – Town Hall Closed

New Year's Holiday

Jan. 1, 2014 – Town Hall
Closed

Martin L. King Jr. Holiday

Jan. 20, 2014 – Town Hall
Closed

Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule

Mondays @ 7:00pm
In the Town Hall



- November 4, 2013
- December 2, 2013
- January 6, 2014

Please join us!

It would be a
pleasure to see you!

Please visit our website for
updates and general
information:

www.granitequarrync.gov

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5TH



Election Day is Fast Approaching!

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day! Granite Quarry residents will have the opportunity to vote for two Aldermen seats. The polls will be open beginning at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm. Granite Quarry Municipal Elections will be held at the Town Hall.

The two seats up for election are those held by Alderwoman, Ms. Eloise Peeler and Alderman, Mr. Brad Kluttz. Both are seeking re-election. Ballots for the Town of Granite Quarry will include the following candidates seeking election to the Town Board of Alderman:

Mr. Arin Wilhelm
Ms. Eloise Peeler (*Incumbent*)
Mr. Jake Fisher
Mr. Mike Brinkley
Mr. Wes Rhinier

Write In Campaigns (these will require voters to write in the candidate's name):

Mr. Brad Kluttz (*Incumbent*)

Mr. Greg Philpot

EARLY VOTING....

Once again, Rowan County will hold early voting for the 2013 Municipal Elections.

Information on dates and times are as follows:

Rowan Public Library Headquarters

(entrance at rear near Church Street in Salisbury)

October 17th through November 1st: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

Saturday, November 2nd: 8am – 1pm (*This is the last day to vote early*)

Be sure to get out on November 5th and exercise your Right to Vote!!

See you at the Polls!!!

DID YOU KNOW???



RENEWING YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION ONLINE

There is a glitch in the new DOT auto registration online payment fees. You need to check your registration fees to make sure you are not paying too much to renew your tag. If your address information has been improperly entered you may be paying a higher tax rate than that of Granite Quarry. Make sure your tax rate is only \$.40 and not a higher rate for your city taxes.

If you note that the rate is too high go to your local DMV tag office and they will make the adjustment to your rate.

A Moment with Mayor Ponds



It's hard to imagine but yet another year is about to wind down here in the Town of Granite Quarry. And what a year it has been! The Town Hall has been buzzing with activity as our staff works to diligently serve our citizens. Committees and Boards continuously meet to discuss and plan the business of our great Town. We are so very thankful to our citizens who serve this community in so many ways. Some of you may serve on one of our many committees or

perhaps you are one of the faithful who pick up trash and debris from our streets or in our parks. You may have donated items to the "Adopt A Family" PD initiative. Many of you are staunch supporters of our Fire Department. Others of you show your encouragement by attending our monthly Board of Aldermen meetings. Your support means so much to our Town. And to you, we say "Thank You". Thank you for giving of your time. Thank you for your strong sense of civic

responsibility. Thank you for caring about this wonderful Town! On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the Town Staff, I would like to extend my very best wishes to you and your family during this Holiday Season.

May you have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! And we look forward to future prosperity in the New Year!

*Warmest Regards,
Mary*



Police Department News



New Rides..... The Granite Quarry-Faith PD has taken delivery of two 2014 Ford Police Interceptors. Both vehicles will be replacing older vehicles, putting the department's fleet in great shape! Each vehicle will be loaded with standard police equipment and should be on the road by November once installers have finished equipping the cars.

Citizens will also notice the new design on the cars. After several changes to the old scheme, Chief Cook and his department have decided on a design "that is simple but nice looking." Chief Cook believes "this new design is reflective to enhance the visibility of the vehicles at night."

Adopt-A-Family Christmas..... It is that time of year again! The department will begin their 3rd annual **Adopt-A-Family for Christmas Campaign**. The last two years were hugely successful as the department provided a Merry Christmas to over 13 children and their families. Chief Cook attributes the success of the program to the generous donations and work from citizens and local businesses.

The department will begin accepting donations on December 1st at the Granite Quarry and Faith Town Halls. Both locations will have drop boxes in place for citizens who would like to make donations or provide gifts for the children of this year's Adopted Family. A listing of the children's ages, sizes and needs will also be available.

The point of contact for the **Adopt-A-Family Christmas Campaign** will be Officer Matt Milette. Citizens may contact him or Chief Cook at the Town Hall with any questions. Officers will also be available to pick up donations as needed. Chief Cook and his department are greatly appreciative to all those who give so much to this noble cause.

Safety..... As the Holidays are fast approaching, Chief Cook would like to extend a reminder to be safe during Holiday Travels. This includes wearing seatbelts, obeying speed limits and traffic laws. For those who may overly indulge during Holiday festivities, please designate a driver or call a friend or cab! Don't risk the chance of hurting yourself or others.

If you are going out of Town for a few days, stop by the Town Hall and complete a **Residence Security Check Form**. An officer will check your property while you are away and advise you of any security issues.

Chief Cook and his department would like to thank you for all the support that has been extended to the Police Department. Chief Cook states, "We are proud to serve our citizens and strive hard to be the professional agency you deserve."

From our family to yours, we wish you all happy holidays!!"





From the Fireside

The Fall/Winter Season is here!!!

Yes, the warm days of summer are long gone! As the weather gets cooler, the heat gets turned up! Fireplaces get stoked. Space heaters and Christmas Trees are plugged in! And of course, it wouldn't be the Holidays without an ample supply of candlelight!

These are just some of the enjoyable and cozy trademarks of winter weather. And by following these Winter/Holiday Safety Tips, you will be insured a warm and toasty season!

Electrical

- Check light wiring and sockets for wear and damage; replace if needed. Do not use indoor lights outside.
- Turn off electrical decorations when you leave or go to bed.
- Keep space heaters away from furniture and combustible items – remember, "Space heaters need space."

Candles

- Do not use candles near decorations or where they can be tipped over. Avoid placing candles near drapes or curtains.
- Keep candles out of reach of children, and do not leave candles burning in unoccupied rooms.

Trimming

- If you use a natural grown tree, be sure it is fresh. Cut the trunk one inch above the original cut. Place the tree in water and leave it outdoors until you are ready to decorate.
- When you bring the tree in your home, place it in a sturdy stand with plenty of room for water. Check water level and add as needed. Never run electric trains under the tree, a spark could set it on fire.

Alcohol and Cigarettes

- Dropped cigarettes, often associated by drinking, are the nation's leading cause of fire deaths.
- Check ashtrays carefully before emptying. Check furniture, carpets and wastebaskets for smoldering cigarettes after entertaining.

Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually. Always use a metal mesh screen in front of a burning fireplace.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove. Never leave a fire unattended.

The GQ Fire Department wishes you a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!



**Birthdays – Bridal/Baby
Showers –
Christmas Parties - Reunions**



Planning a Party? We can help!

Ask us about our Legion Building and Park Rentals. You can learn more by checking us out on the Town's website:

www.granitequarrync.gov

Maintenance Department News!



IT'S LEAF SEASON!

- Leaf pick up is every Monday.
- All leaves must be loose and free of any debris.
- All items must be placed in the Town's right of way –

DO NOT PLACE IN THE STREET



LIMB PICK UP SCHEDULE:

1ST and 3rd Tuesdays of each month!

Citizens may call ahead to schedule a pick up and our guys will be there!



For other inquiries regarding:

Parks – Water Issues – Limb/Leaf Pick Up - Yard Debris –
Street Light Repair

(704)279-5596, Ext. 213



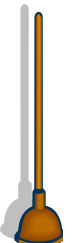
The Town of Granite Quarry has a Business Association!!

The Business Association meets every month. These dedicated entrepreneurs brainstorm and discuss new ideas and techniques to enhance business in the Town of Granite Quarry. The Business Association is part of Granite Quarry's Revitalization program. If you own a business in Granite Quarry, please consider being a part of this forward thinking group! For more information, call: Mr. Sandy Moore @ F&M Bank 704-279-9271.



....And now a message from Salisbury Rowan Utilities.....

Utility companies across the country are reporting that popular disposable wipes and cleaning products are causing problems when flushed down toilets and are encouraging citizens **to throw all products, except toilet paper, in the garbage.....** even those advertised as 'flushable'. Products like baby wipes, make-up removal cloths, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, toilet scrubber sponges, mop refills, shop towels, rags and other similar items don't break down in the sewer and septic systems causing blockages in lines and pumps. These can result in sewage backups in homes and streets, costly cleanups, and environmental consequences. ... ***in other words...NO WIPES IN THE PIPES PLEASE;***



Employee Spotlight

Captain Brian Peeples is no stranger around these parts! He is a native of Granite Quarry who grew up on the corner of Depot and Railroad!



Capt. Peeples started in the GQFD as a Junior Fire Fighter when he was 14 years old! He became very interested in Fire Safety as a kid who tagged along with his sister to local 4-H Meetings. He remembers hanging out at the Fire Department until "they finally adopted me." He recalls being one of only two junior fire fighters at that time.

Capt. Peeples says the biggest rewards of working as a GQ Fire Fighter is the self satisfaction he gets from helping others and knowing he can make a difference in someone's life. The life of a fire fighter can be stressful as well. Fire fighters are called upon at all hours of the night and day. "You can be sleeping at 2am and the next minute you are running wide open....and you never know what you are going to walk into."

Fire fighting is a family affair for Capt. Peeples. He has a total of 5 children – 3 boys and 2 girls. They range in ages from 2 to 16 years. His wife Jennifer is a volunteer fire fighter along with son Drew who is a junior firefighter. Capt. Peeples states his daughter is very eager to become a junior fire fighter when she turns 14!

The Junior Fire Fighter Program is something that Capt. Peeples is very passionate about. He and his wife serve as the program's coordinators. He takes this role very seriously as a way of making a lasting impact on these young men and women. Capt. Peeples says, "It gives these kids positive role models to look up to."

The Junior Fire Fighter Program begins with training at the age of 14 through 18. If you are interested in learning more about the Junior Fire Fighter Program, please contact the GQFD at 704-279-5596.

The Town of Granite Quarry is very thankful for Capt. Peeples and the service he provides for our Town and citizens!

He is a wonderful asset to the GQFD and WE SALUTE YOU!!



Here's Something to Keep You Warm! Crock Pot Hot Apple Cider

Ingredients:

½ Gallon of Apple Juice (Not Cider)
4 ounces of Red Hots
6 Cinnamon Sticks

Heat on high in the crock pot for 2 hours!

Serve and Enjoy!



Granite Quarry Moving Forward!

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

Granite Quarry is working with local communities within Rowan County to determine where trails could be accessed in our area. It's called the **Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread)**. The Thread is an initiative of unprecedented scale facilitating the development of a regional network of trails, blue ways and conservation corridors across 15 counties of North and South Carolina.

With over 132 miles of trail on the ground and 7 additional miles targeted for completion in 2013, The Thread not only serves as a recreational trail for bikers, runners, walkers, and hikers, but also works to preserve natural areas and to provide an opportunity for people to explore and connect with nature, culture, science and history.

Interested in being part of this exciting endeavor?

Contact Ms. Randi Gates @ 704.376.2556 ext. 217.

www.carolinathreadtrail.org



CHRISTMAS IN GRANITE QUARRY!



It's the most wonderful time of the year! It won't be long until Granite Quarry will begin displaying twinkling Christmas lights all down through the Town! The maintenance crews have already begun checking and repairing Christmas street lights in preparation of their installments.



This year, our Town will be adding another special element of Christmas spirit with our first annual **"Christmas in Granite Quarry."** This very special display will take place at Granite Lake Park. This idea comes from the Town's Revitalization Team. Chairman, Garry Mattingly envisions the Park lined with beautifully lit Christmas Trees. The Business Association has jumped on board and encourages businesses, churches, or other local organizations to participate. Each group will be responsible for purchasing, decorating and lighting their trees. They will be able to advertise their business and spread a little Christmas cheer at the same time!



It is the hope to have Christmas Trees circle around the lake. It would give citizens or passers by the opportunity to get out and walk through a Christmas wonderland! Currently, there are 6 groups signed up to be a part of this parade of trees. Other ideas being considered are lighting the piers and the gazebo. The committee is also hoping to have Christmas carolers each night.



This event will be kicked off with Santa! He will be in the gazebo on December 8th beginning at 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Be sure to bring the children to sit on Santa's lap! Once Santa gets the wishes of all the children, he will officially light up the park! More details will be forthcoming!



If anyone is interested in participating in the **"Christmas in Granite Quarry"** event, please contact the Town Hall at (704) 279- 5596. Christmas Tree spots must be reserved in advance!

Give us a call and let's light up the Town of Granite Quarry!

